GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Andhra Pradesh has the high incidents of Japanese Encephalitis;

(b) if so, whether sufficient doses of vaccine are available;

(c) if not, whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is endemic in the State of Andhra Pradesh.However, no incidence of the disease has been reported from the State during the current year (upto June, 2002).

(b) to (e) Central Research Institute, Kasauli which is the only manufacturer of JE vaccine in the country manufacturers about 2 lakhs doses of the mouse brain vaccine for JE control. Since this quantity is not sufficient to meet the requirement of Andhra Pradesh, the State Government has been permitted to import inactivated mouse brain JE vaccine after obtaining clearance from the Drugs Controller General of India.